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At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of South Danvers, qualified to vote in town affairs, held March 23d, 1863, by adjournment from March 9th, 1863, it was

VOTED, That the Report of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, together with the accompanying documents, be accepted, and that five hundred copies of the same be printed, under the supervision of the Town Clerk, for distribution.

A true copy of record,

N. H. POOR, Clerk.

Attest :

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

The Trustees of the Peabody Institute, in submitting their Annual Report, have little left to do, but to call attention to the subjoined papers, being the reports of the Lyceum and Library Committee, and its sub-committees. These documents give a detailed account of the operations of the Institute for the year which has just closed, and are creditable and interesting, not only as showing the fidelity of the Committee to their trust, but as unfolding and illustrating the expanding usefulness and growing benefits of the institution. Each passing year, while it seems to strengthen its foundations, and to surround it with something of that halo which time alone can lend, endears it in the hearts of our people, stamps its benign influence on their lives, and not only makes it an overflowing fountain of practical good, but a cherished object of affectionate regard.

The financial and other affairs of the Institute are in a healthy condition. The funds remain invested in the same securities as hitherto, which are deemed entirely safe, and which, in view of the times, yield a satisfactory income. There has been considerable expenditure incurred during the year in furnishing additional accommodations for the Library-room, and in making material alterations in the Hall, which were thought to be necessary, and which, it is to be hoped, will be regarded as substantial improvements; also, in the purchase of a fire and burglar proof safe, the want of which had long been seriously felt. These outlays would have interfered with the ordinary increase of the Library, had it not fortunately happened that during the year very liberal donations of valuable books were made, which compensated for any decrease in purchases, and have fully kept up the standard of yearly progress.

One of these donations was made by Mrs. Daniels, a sister of Mr. Peabody, and consisted of One Hundred and Sixty admirably selected and elegantly bound volumes, of which Nineteen were for the Branch Library. The correspondence attending this gift may not be deemed uninteresting, and it is appended to this report.

It has been thought well to increase somewhat the insurance upon the Library and pictures. The whole amount is now \$9,000, including \$2,000 on the Branch Library. The insurance on the real estate is \$15,000.

There have been one or two incidents since their last report which the Trustees deem it their duty briefly to notice, although commented upon in the sub-reports.

Sometime since, the same gentleman, (Elijah W. Upton, Esq.,) who presented to the Institute the painting of Mr. Choate, proposed securing and presenting to us, (with his con-

sent) a picture of Hon. Edward Everett,—to be painted by Mr. Ames of Boston, of the same size and mounting, and in every respect a companion picture to the Choate. This generous proposition was gratefully accepted, and a correspondence had with Mr. Everett, who cheerfully consented to sit. In due time the painting was finished, and it now hangs in its place upon our walls,—a credit to the artist, an ornament to our Hall, and destined, preserved as we trust it will be, to transmit to other and remote times the image and likeness of one, who as scholar, orator, statesman and patriot has no superior, and who, in his later years, by his silver eloquence has linked his name with that of the Father of his Country, and, by his impassioned and earnest appeals, has identified his memory with the preservation of the American Union.

Early in the year the whole community was filled with admiration at the announcement that Mr. Peabody had given to the city of London, for the benefit of its poor, the magnificent sum of seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars; and the subsequent bestowal upon him of the Freedom of the City, with the imposing ceremonies attendant, though an honor rarely, if ever, conferred upon a stranger, was regarded as no unfitting acknowledgement of this munificent charity. The beautifully illuminated parchment upon which the City's gift was inscribed, with the gold box in which the same was presented, together with a copy of Mr. Peabody's deed of gift to the Trustees, were transmitted by him to his friend Mr. Daniels, to be presented to the Institute, and to be there permanently kept and preserved. Thus presented, they were most gratefully received, and the following vote was adopted by the Trustees and placed upon record:—

“ That the Trustees of the Peabody Institute feel a deep and

unabated interest in whatever concerns the welfare and honor of the Founder of the noble Charity whose custodians they are, and a true and unalloyed satisfaction in every public or private recognition of his virtues and his worth; that they cheerfully offer their congratulations, not only upon the signal and distinguished honor recently conferred upon him by the city of London, but upon that nobility of soul displayed by him in an act of wise and almost unparalleled munificence; and that with feelings of sincere gratitude they accept the Gold Box presented to Mr. Peabody by the city of London, with the beautiful book accompanying the same, and will religiously preserve these precious mementoes, not only as renewed pledges of the good will and affection of their donor for the people of his native town, but as fit recognitions of that christian charity and boundless benevolence which have made the name of George Peabody the honor and admiration of two continents."

In thus sending to the Institute these memorials of an incident in his life which he cannot regard with other than peculiar satisfaction and pride, Mr. Peabody has again unmistakably indicated his abiding regard for the place of his birth,—a regard which is evinced by deeds rather than words,—which has already accomplished so much for the mental and moral improvement of our people, and which will undoubtedly continue to do all that a wise beneficence would dictate.

Only let us, the chosen beneficiaries of his bounty, duly appreciate the favors we enjoy, and so administer the trust reposed in us, and labor to extend its benefits and blessings, as to show ourselves grateful for what has been done for us in the past, and not unworthy of further favors in the future.

Respectfully submitted, for the Trustees,

A. A. ABBOTT, *Chairman.*

South Danvers, March, 1863.

SO. DANVERS, JULY 31, 1862.

Trustees of Peabody Institute :

Gentlemen :—At the request and in behalf of my wife, I present to you two cases of Books, an invoice of which she received from Mr. Peabody, of London, with a request that she would present them to you in her own name and as her own gift, on resuming her residence in her native town.

The books were by some misunderstanding prematurely forwarded to the Institute, where they now await your acceptance.

With great respect, your obedient servant,

R. S. DANIELS.

SOUTH DANVERS, AUG. 2, 1862.

Hon. R. S. Daniels,

Dear Sir :—In behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Peabody Institute, allow me to present our warmest thanks to Mrs. Daniels for her rich present of books, forming, as they do, a most valuable addition to the Libraries of the Institute, and the assurances of our true appreciation of the gift, as indicative of her own and the continued interest of her noble brother in the welfare of the people of his and her native town.

And permit me to add our personal gratification that Mrs. Daniels has come to live once more in our midst, and to add to our social circles the influence of her private worth and virtues.

Very respectfully and truly yours,

A. A. ABBOTT, Chairman of Board of Trustees.

Report of the Lyceum and Library Committee.

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PEABODY INSTITUTE :

In submitting to you the report of the doings of the Lyceum and Library Committee, for the year ending February, 1863, it gives me pleasure to state that the responsible, unceasing and often-times perplexing duties, which they are called upon to perform, have been discharged with a constant devotion to the true interests of the Institution, and an earnest desire to sustain its well established reputation for honor and usefulness, and at the same time gratify and interest the public. The detailed reports of the Librarian, and Sub-Committees on the Library and Lectures, and the statement of the Treasurer, give a fair and impartial view of all that has been done.

The report of Mr. Hills, the Librarian of the Branch Library, is also submitted. The community immediately connected with the Branch are fortunate in securing the services of a person who manifests so much interest in its successful operation.

In reviewing the past history of the Institution, from its earliest movements to the present time, a period of about ten years, we are reminded of the deeply interesting scenes of laying the corner stone, the dedication of the building to its important mission, and the grand and glorious reception given the distinguished founder, on his visit to his native town; events which can never be forgotten by those who witnessed them.— And, although many of the prominent actors on those occasions have faded from our view, and left a void in the circle of its

earnest friends, we feel a confidence in stating that there has been a constant advancement in every thing connected with the Institution, calculated to promote its true interests and influence; that its career has been onward and upward in imparting "knowledge and morality" and promoting the innocent enjoyments of those who have desired to enjoy its benefits. As evidence of this we would notice the great increase in the number of books in the Library, now numbering nearly nine thousand volumes, and their extended and increasing circulation. And we think it can be said with truth that in no previous season has the Lecture Hall been so continually thronged as during the year now closing. If every lecture or entertainment has not been acceptable to all, it cost them nothing, and they have the privilege of criticising all the performances. And those who are responsible for what is offered take no offence at this, but will always endeavor to meet the public taste and wants, and adhere as strictly as can be to the judicious platform suggested by the donor in his letter for the establishment of the Institution. And we will add, as another instance of progress, the increasing interest manifested by some of our prominent citizens. Thus E. W. Upton, Esq. has added to his previous gifts an elegant portrait of Hon. Edward Everett, and we cannot refrain from endorsing the remark of the Librarian of the importance and value of the gifts of Hon. Henry Poor and Mr. Thos. E. Proctor, an active member of the Library committee.

These attractions, which are constantly being added to the Hall, the Library rooms and the grounds around the building, may not be duly appreciated by the daily observer, but they add beauty and fame to the Institution, and commend it with increasing interest to the many strangers who visit it.

The renewed confidence of Mr. Peabody, in confiding to our care the Gold Box, with its beautiful accompaniments, which he received from the authorities of the city of London, for his princely donation for the benefit of the London poor, is an event of which we may well feel proud. It is a trust of no ordinary character. It is to remain in the Institute forever, to be

looked upon by generations yet unborn, and, by its history and the history of the depositor, to excite the youthful mind to an honorable and earnest effort, in the performance of all the great duties of life; and, as years roll on, and generations pass away, will ever remain one of the greatest attractions to visitors from abroad and the pride of all who truly estimate noble and generous deeds.

It may be no part of our duty to allude, in this report, to the unfortunate and distressing position of our once united and prosperous country; but it is a subject which occupies all minds, and we are forcibly reminded of it at this time by the death of two of our former associates upon the Lyceum and Library Committee. They not long since acted with us, in all the strength of beauty and manhood. You must be aware that we allude to Capt. Samuel Brown, Jr. and Lieut. Charles B Warner. They both fell bravely leading their gallant associates amid the strifes of the battle field. Others of our townsmen have also sacrificed their lives in the same glorious cause. In referring to these events, we know how many friends are mourning with the deepest sorrow the death of these youthful soldiers, and we would not open their wounds afresh, but we wish to make a record of their patriotism and love of country. And we cannot omit to allude to our young townsmen, whose countenances are so much missed from our lecture hall and library room, who are now in the army, braving the dangers and privations of war, standing in the breach between a wicked rebellion and the best government the world ever saw. Almost every household has a vacant seat in the family circle, caused by the absence of some loved one who left his home at the call of his country. May the God of battles protect and preserve them all. And, when this Union is restored, and the old flag is floating throughout all its borders, may they return to their homes and receive the cheering welcome of those who love and honor them for the sacrifices they are making for their country and the world.

In closing, we cannot but commend to your notice, and also

of the public, the faithfulness of those who perform many of the duties incident to such an Institution. The increasing and responsible duties of the Librarian continue to be performed with the same fidelity and ability as heretofore. And when we reflect that every week his position brings him in contact with nearly a thousand persons, the quiet and harmony at the Library room is substantial evidence that the duties are well performed.

And we feel bound to mention the unobserved but invaluable services of George A. Osborne, Esq., the treasurer of the Lyceum and Library Committee, performed, thus far, gratuitously, from the commencement of operations to the present time, with an ability and correctness which are of the utmost importance to an Institution of a public character.

The Janitor is always at his post, with a smiling countenance and prompt attention. The numerous visitors at the Library room are hardly aware how much they are indebted to him for the pleasures they enjoy. The room is always warm and lighted at the right time. The Hall is always ready for the audience. In fact, he appears to be the right man in the right place.

R. S. DANIELS,

President of the Lyceum and Library Committee.

South Danvers, February, 1863.

Report of the Library Committee.

TO THE LYCEUM AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE OF THE PEABODY
INSTITUTE :

The Sub-Committee, in presenting their Annual Report, find but little upon which they have occasion to remark ; as the Report of the Librarian herewith submitted contains all of the facts, and such suggestions, in relation to the Library as they deem of importance to present. They would call especial attention to two facts mentioned in the Report of the Librarian worthy of notice. First, the large number of books presented to the Library during the last year, a number nearly equal to those purchased by the Committee, all of which are a substantial and valuable addition to the Library. Those presented by Mrs. J. P. Daniels, 141 vols., consisting mostly of rare and excellent standard works ; a set of Appleton's New Encyclopedia, 16 vols, presented by Mr. Henry Poor ; and a set, of six vols., of English Naval History and the Wars of England, finely illustrated, presented by Mr. Thomas E. Proctor, were especially acceptable and timely gifts. These, with such other donations as have been noticed in the Report of the Librarian, show the esteem in which the Library is held in the community. One other subject of interest is the placing in the care and custody of the Librarian the Gold Box, containing the parchment upon which is written the grant of the freedom of the city of London to Mr. Peabody. It is indeed fitting that the Title Deed of Honor, granted to the founder of this Institution, should be placed in its care and keeping. The freedom of city, grant.

ed to an individual under the older systems of government, is one of the greatest gifts which can be bestowed on one, who, for distinguished services, or worthy and honorable deeds, is deemed deserving of the highest honor which a free city could grant. In our own country, with its free republican government, the noblest bequest which can be made to an intelligent community is a free public Library. Thus the emblem of the high honor conferred by the city of London on our distinguished former townsman is appropriately placed under the care of the Institution which he has founded.

For some time past the Committee have been desirous of having more shelf room provided, but could not decide upon any one of the various plans which have been suggested. At the commencement of this year they decided to recommend for the present the erection of two alcoves; and, by the authority of the Trustees, they were immediately supplied. These will furnish a sufficient amount of shelf room for the increase of the Library for four years.

The great want of the Library at the present time, one more important than any other to increase its usefulness, is a new and well arranged catalogue. The first catalogue bears date 1855, since which time large additions have been made in every department of the Library; and, from time to time, supplements have been added to the catalogue. In the supplements only the title of the book is given, thus making it impossible to ascertain what works are in the Library on any special subject, without reading all the supplements. So far as pertains to miscellaneous books, the evil, though important, is not so great, as in the departments of History, Philosophy, Science and Agriculture. In these departments a new catalogue is especially needed, one in which all the works on each special subject shall be grouped together; thus enabling the borrower more readily to select the most desirable book upon any special topic. We believe this the more essential in order that the great variety of solid and substantial works of History, Philosophy, the various depart-

ments of Natural Science and Agriculture may be brought more prominently before the attention of the community.

While we do not desire that the excellent miscellaneous works in which the Library abounds should be less read, we hope those in the departments above noticed may receive much more attention, and their great usefulness be more generally diffused.

It will be noticed that the number of books purchased has been less than in former years. The Committee have purchased all of the desirable books published during the year; but these have been fewer than usual, probably less than half the number usually published. And, as there had been some unusual expenditures to be provided for, it was not thought best to do more than procure the recent publications, and such other desirable works as might be needed to add to the usefulness or interest of the Library.

The Committee are happy in being able to state that, notwithstanding the War has called away so many of our young men, and almost exclusively engaged the attention of our whole community, yet the interest in the Library is in no respect diminished. The number of books taken the last year has been but few less than in former and more peaceful years.

The above report is respectfully submitted,

By the Committee,

AMOS MERRILL, *Chairman.*

Librarian's Report.

TO THE LYCEUM AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE OF THE PEABODY INSTITUTE :

Gentlemen :—The number of new applications the past year to enjoy the privileges of the Library has been 187, making the whole number who have given their signatures to the Regulations 3356.

The Library has been increased since the last Annual Report by the addition of 454 volumes, of which number 233 were obtained by purchase and 221 by donations. The average cost of those purchased has been \$1 00 per volume. The whole number of books in the Library, as seen by the accession catalogue, is 8466.

The following is a list of the donors with the number of volumes presented :

Mrs J. P. Daniels,.....	141
D. W. King,.....	2
Isaac Bullock,.....	3
John G. Morris, D. D., Baltimore,.....	1
H. J. Parker, Boston,.....	1
Public Library, Charlestown,.....	1
U. S. Department of the Interior,.....	35
Dr. W. W. Hall, Philadelphia,.....	12
F. Poole,.....	3
Thomas E. Proctor,.....	6
Henry Poor,.....	16

It appears, by this list of bestowments, that the largest donation was the gift of Mrs. J. P. Daniels, a sister of Mr. Peabody, who adopted this method, on her return to the place of her nativity, to manifest her interest in the Institution founded by her brother. The gift consisted of 141 volumes of valuable and mostly elegantly bound books. Among them are a full set of the Massachusetts Historical Collections, very rare, a complete series of the Democratic Review and of the Knickerbocker Magazine, as well as other works of a miscellaneous character and of great value to the Library.

Hon. Henry Poor, the late Chairman of the Board of Trustees, has made the gift to the Institute of Appleton's New American Cyclopaedia, well bound in 16 volumes. This is a work which was much needed in order to the completeness of the Library, and one which it would hardly be creditable to the Institute not to have upon its shelves.

Mr. Thomas E. Proctor's donation of two works upon the naval and military history of England, in six royal octavo volumes, elegantly bound and profusely illustrated, is a very timely gift in the department of modern military history.

Mr. C. L. Flint, the Secretary of the Massachusetts Board of Agriculture, to whom the Library is already under obligations for donations in former years, has continued to show his interest by a gift of twelve volumes upon the Agriculture of Massachusetts and other states.

From the U. S. Department of the Interior has been received 35 volumes.

Dr. W. W. Hall, of Philadelphia, has contributed twelve volumes of his works pertaining to the medical profession.

Another auspicious event in the history of this Institute, for the past year, is the reception of the Gold Box, of the value of one hundred guineas, containing the "Freedom of the City of London" to Mr. Peabody for his munificent Gift to that Corporation. This most valuable testimonial has been placed in the Library, under the custody of the librarian, and is on exhibition the library hours, attracting citizens and strangers as admir-

ing visitors. It is accompanied by the Letter of Mr. Peabody to the Trustees of his London donation, with their Reply accepting the trust. These documents are engrossed on vellum and superbly illuminated.

The Trustees of the Institute have furnished the library room with a much needed and capacious iron safe, fire and burglar proof, in which to preserve the records and other valuable papers of the Institute, affording also a secure place of deposit for the London testimonials.

By authority of the Committee on the Library, another supplementary catalogue, the sixth, has been printed, containing 341 entries. This catalogue gives only the title of each book. It contains all the accessions up to the month of August last.

The annual examination of the Library in July showed that during the year ending at that date, the number of books loaned was 23,907, which is only about 300 less than the preceding year, the average delivery each week being 488 volumes.—This large circulation the past year was unexpected, in view of the fact that many of our young men, who have been constant visitors and borrowers, have gone into the military service of the country.

As might reasonably be expected, this constant use of the books is seen in the dilapidated condition of many of them.—The cost of re-binding has consequently been greater than any former year, and many have been laid aside as too imperfect for binding.

The number of books supposed to have been lost the last year is eleven. Some of these may yet be returned to the Library, as has been the case in former years. This loss may be partly accounted for in the unusual changes of residence and breaking up of families consequent upon the enlistment of men for the army. One book, which has been missing over three years, came recently back to the Library. Its history affords a curious illustration of the way books may be lost by the carelessness of borrowers. It was picked up in the street in Salem and carried to the town of Hamilton, about nine miles distant.

It was reported as lost and another was purchased to replace it. Having upon it our marks of identification, it was discovered by a casual visitor, and was thus returned to its old place upon the shelf.

Respectfully submitted,

FITCH POOLE, *Librarian.*

Report of the Committee on Lectures.

The Sub-Committee on the Lyceum herewith submit their Annual Report.

The Committee, soon after their appointment, proceeded at once to an organization, by the choice of Mr. Charles E. Bradford as their Chairman and Mr. John O. Poor as Secretary.

Thus organized, the Committee held frequent meetings, and made out such a list of lecturers as they supposed would interest the audience and at the same time convey valuable instruction to those who came to hear. As is usually the case in making up a course of lectures, some of the gentlemen addressed did not respond to our invitation and others were substituted in their place. While in the midst of their work, they were deprived of the valuable services of their Chairman by his acceptance of a commission in the military service of the country, as commander of a company in his native state. Being thus deprived of the assistance of one in whose good taste and excellent judgment they had great confidence, and on whom

devolved the executive duties of the Committee, the remaining members, by tacit agreement, proceeded with the unfinished business, sharing among themselves those duties commonly performed by a constituted Chairman.

The lectures of this, the Ninth Annual Course before the Lyceum, have been of a miscellaneous character. This was rendered necessary from the difficulty of procuring a scientific lecturer of eminent ability, and at the same time of such popular tact and enthusiastic interest in his subject as would ensure the close attention of a mixed audience.

The Committee would not be understood as being indifferent in regard to the value of courses of lectures on scientific or literary subjects, whenever lecturers of the character above intimated can be obtained. On the contrary, they think it highly desirable that such should be engaged, whenever it is practicable, as a part of the general course. Neither would they undervalue single lectures from gentlemen of literary ability or oratorical fame, whose discussions of common themes never fail to find a response in the common mind. However much it may be regretted, it is nevertheless true, that a great many of those who usually attend our Lyceum, fail of being so deeply interested in a plain and exhaustive treatment of a subject as to receive much instruction. Their mental as well as material food needs the spice of variety to ensure its reception and give it that relish without which it affords no nourishment. Such has been the character of most of the lectures this season, that we trust many have gone away, not only delighted, but instructed and improved.

The following is a list of the lecturers, with their subjects and the date of the delivery of each lecture :

Nov. 18, 1862, Rt. Rev. Bishop Thomas M. Clark, Providence, R. I. The War of the Rebellion.

Nov. 25, George William Curtis, New York. Personal Liberty.

Dec. 2, The Same. Sir Philip Sydney, the Christian Gentleman.

- Dec. 9, The Same. Charles Dickens.
 Dec. 16, Arthur Gilman, Boston. Mirthfulness and Humor.
 Dec. 23, Rev. M. D. Conway, Concord. The two Capitals.
 Dec. 30, Rev. Wm. M. Barber, So. Danvers. Imagination.
 Jan. 14, 1863, Lieut. Col. Pardee, New Haven, Conn.—
 Pictures of Military Life in North Carolina.
 Jan. 20, Miss Angela King, Charlestown. Dramatic
 Readings.
 Jan. 27, Dr. Geo. B. Loring, Salem. Life and Career of
 Chief Justice T. Parsons.
 Feb. 3, Rev. Dr. George W. Briggs, Salem. The Price of
 Liberty.
 Feb. 10, Dr. John G. Holland, Springfield. Fashion.
 Feb. 12, Mr. & Mrs. E. L. Davenport. Dramatic Readings.
 Feb. 17, Rev. J. C. Fletcher, Newburyport. Up and down
 the Amazon.
 Feb. 24, The Same. Switzerland.

So far as the attendance upon the lectures is an index of the approval of the public, the Committee have every reason to be satisfied. Notwithstanding the absence in the army of so many of our young men who have usually attended, the hall has been thronged on every evening, not absolutely stormy, far beyond the capacity of the seats. Many, on each evening, have been obliged to stand in the aisles and entry way during the whole lecture, and they have borne the inconvenience with exemplary patience and becoming good nature.

The introduction of music upon the piano, in the early part of each evening, as a prelude to the lecture, is a new feature in the exercises of the Lyceum. It gives variety, and the small outlay required seems justifiable, as it affords occupation and pleasure to a waiting audience.

F. POOLE,	}	Sub Committee.
J. O. POOR,		
D. WEBSTER KING,		
W. N. OSGOOD,		

Lyceum and Library Com. in acct. with G. A. Osborne, Treasurer.

1861.		Dr.
Feb. 4,	To paid Librarian's bill,	\$87 50
5,	Rev. Dr. Chapin,	55 00
7,	L. Chandler & Co.'s bill, for Periodicals,	52 20
7,	Chas. D. Howard's bill, for Printing,	8 00
7,	J. Perley, Jr., bill for binding,	11 85
10,	J. H. Teague's bill,	75 00
11,	Lecturer,	25 00
18,	Geo. W. Curtis,	50 00
Mar. 7,	D. H. Townsend's bill, Leslie's Illustrated News,	3 45
10,	Richard E. Smith's bill,	6 50
19,	D. H. Townsend's bill, for Express,	7 37
19,	Lecture Committee bill,	1 65
27,	H. Dwinell, 1 Vol, Nicholson's Architecture,	7 50
28,	S. B. Ives' bill for binding,	32 48
Apr. 1,	Qr. Gas bill, ending April 1,	25 60
4,	W. Simonds' bill, board of Lecturers,	26 50
21,	D. S. Littlefield's bill for services,	14 00
May 5,	Librarian,	87 50
10,	Chas. Simonds' bill for horse hire,	5 75
June 2,	Stone & Downer's bill,	3 45
2,	Mass. Historical Collections,	1 75
4,	Geo. C. Peirce's bill,	1 00
July 7,	Virtue & Co.'s bill 3 Vol. Art Journal,	21 00
7,	Richard E. Smith's bill,	6 50
Aug. 14,	Librarian,	100 00
14,	W. F. Burnham's bill,	1 00
14,	Ticknor & Field's bill,	156 23
14,	Gas Bill, qr. ending July 1,	7 45
Sept. 3,	J. H. Teague's bill,	75 00
3,	Posting notices,	75
3,	E. A. Corey's bill, brush and broom,	1 47
8,	Richard E. Smith's bill,	8 00
9,	F. Poole's bill, sundries,	7 83
18,	Clark & Giddings' bill for Alcoves for Library,	89 99
19,	Chas. D. Howard's bill,	14 39
26,	John P. Fernald's bill,	7 75
26,	John P. Fernald's bill,	13 00
Oct. 2,	Postage bill,	3 29
2,	Gas bill, qr. ending Oct. 1,	3 56
Nov. 6,	Henry T. Perkins, English Magazines,	51 32
6,	J. C. Abbott's bill,	1 88
18,	Bishop Clark,	25 00

Amount carried forward,

\$1184 46

	<i>Amount brought up,</i>		\$1184 46
25,	George W. Curtis,	25 00	
Dec. 2,	George W. Curtis,	25 00	
8,	George W. Curtis,	50 00	
8,	Librarian,	100 00	
8,	Richard E. Smith,	6 50	
8,	John P. Fernald,	6 50	
8,	Chas. D. Howard, bill printing,	24 00	
16,	Arthur Gilman,	25 00	
23,	Mr. Conway,	25 00	
30,	Rev. Mr. Barber,	25 00	
1863.			
Jan. 14,	Col. Pardee,	50 00	
14,	Gas bill, qr. ending Jan. 1,	20 09	
14,	Potter, Batchelder & Co.'s bill,	35 33	
15,	Munroe's Express,	1 16	
15,	S. B. Ives' bill for binding,	32 85	
15,	J. Perley, Jr.'s bill for binding,	35 75	
15,	Miss King,	25 00	
22,	Ticknor, Fields & Co.'s bill,	91 70	
27,	George B. Loring,	25 00	
27,	Chipman Fowle's bill, carpeting,	62 12	
Feb. 3,	Dr. Briggs,	25 00	
	Balance,	332 82	
			\$2,233 28

1862.			Cr.
Feb. 3.	By Balance,	398 28	
Apr. 1,	By draft on Treasurer of Trustees,	300 00	
July 12,	By draft on Treasurer of Trustees,	700 00	
Sept. 6,	Received for Catalogues,	4 75	
6,	Received for Fines,	30 25	
1863.			
Jan. 14,	By draft on Treasurer of Trustees,	800 00	
Feb.	By Balance,		\$2,233 28
	Outstanding bills estimated	332 82	
		250 00	

G. A. OSBORNE,
Treasurer of Lyceum and Library Committee.

Summary Statement of the Foregoing Account.

		Dr.
To paid for Books,	\$385 15	
To paid for Lectures,	488 90	
To paid Librarian and Assistants,	429 75	
To paid Janitor,	150 00	
To paid for Gas,	56 70	
To paid for Coal,	35 33	
To paid for Printing,	46 39	
To paid for Binding,	112 93	
To Expense of Alcoves and Carpet for Library,	152 11	
To paid for Express Hire,	14 86	
To paid for Miscellaneous,	28 34	
Balance,	332 82	
	—————	\$2,233 28

		Cr.
By Balance,	\$398 28	
By drafts on Trustees,	1800 00	
By received for Fines and Catalogues,	35 00	
	—————	\$2,233 28
By balance,		332 82

Trustees of the Peabody Institute in account with Geo. Osborne, Tr.

1862		Dr.
Apr. 2,	To Lyceum and Library Com. draft (Branch),	\$210 00
2,	To Lyceum and Library Com. draft (Main),	300 00
2,	To paid Neptune Ins. Co. additional insurance on Library of \$2,000, Policy No. 35,264,	12 50
May 4,	To paid Aqueduct, 4 bills,	8 00
July 12,	To paid Lyceum and Library Com. draft (Main)	700 00
21,	To paid Trask, the mason,	4 25
Aug. 18,	To paid Dole for iron railing,	35 25
19,	To paid J. G. Lowe, for Fresco work on Hall,	40 00
Sep. 18,	To paid Clark & Giddings, carpenter jobs from Jan. to July, viz. Sundries,	18 09
	Enlarging Rostrum,	54 18
	Iron railing for do,	24 49
	Staging for Fresco,	5 11
		101 87
21,	To pd. Lyceum and Library Com. draft (Branch),	210 00
27,	To paid for labor, moving iron safe,	50
Nov. 4,	To pd. J. H. Pray, addition to carpet of rostrum,	77 41
26,	To paid Aqueduct 4 bills,	8 00
1863.		
Jan. 6,	To paid J. A. Hughes & Co., Show Case for Diploma from city of London to Geo. Peabody, Esq.	17 00
15,	To paid 2 Insurance Policies, \$15 and \$30.	45 00
15,	To paid Lyceum and Library Com. draft (Main)	800 00
19,	To paid Clark & Giddings, carpenters, viz. Pinnock for repairs of slating,	9 41
	Teague for labor,	14 94
	Dodge, blacksmith, on furnace,	1 25
	Munroe's express, freight of safe &c.	6 25
	Blaney, for painting and glass,	8 92
	Burnham, freight Library carpet,	75
	Haven & Whitten, labor on furnace,	1 55—43 07
22,	To pd. I. Fellows for new sofa and tax thereon,	77 25
Feb 5,	To paid Neptune Insurance Co.	16 88
25,	To paid Edwards & Kershaw for Fire safe with steel chest,	175 00
Mar. 1,	Balance to credit to new acct.	207 59—3,089 57

1862.		Cr.
Mar. 28,	By 6 mos. int. on town S. Danvers note to Mar 12,	210 00
Arr. 1,	Cash of F. Osborn, late treasurer, balance,	379 07
May 3,	Rent of D. Woodbury 3 mos. to Ap. 1, and water,	52 50
	Amount carried over,	\$641 57

<i>Amount brought up,</i>		\$641 57
May 3,	Rent of Mr. Grosvenor 3 mo. to Ap. 1 and water,	33 25
3,	Rent of R. D. Symonds 3 mo. Ap. 1, and water,	33 25
3,	Dividend on 3 shares Warren Bank,	9 00
3,	6 mos. int. on town S. Danvers note to Apr. 28,	90 00
July 2,	Cash of Geo. Peabody, pr. Blake Bro. & Co., Boston,	600 00
14,	Cash of Miss Poole, for use of ante-room,	2 00
28,	Rent of Mr. Woodbury 3 mo. to Jy. 1, and water,	52 00
28,	Rent of Mr. Grosvenor 3 mo. to Jy. 1, and water,	32 25
28,	Rent of Mr. Symonds 3 mo. to Jy. 1, and water,	32 25
Oct. 8,	6 mos. int. on town S. Danvers note to Sept. 12,	210 00
16,	6 mos. int. on town Danvers note to Aug. 25,	210 00
27,	Woodbury's rent 3 mos. to October 1,	52 00
27,	Grosvenor's rent 3 mos. to October 1,	32 25
27,	Symonds' rent 3 mos. to October 1,	32 25
Nov. 6,	6 mos. int. on town S. Danvers note to Oct. 28,	90 00
Dec. 13,	Cash of Miss Preston, for use of ante-room,	2 00
1863.		
Jan. 2,	Cash of Geo. Peabody, pr. Blake Bros. & Co.	600 00
19,	Rents, Woodbury, Grosvenor and Symonds,	116 50
22,	Dividend of Oct. 3, shares Warren Bank,	9 00
26,	6 mos. int. on town Danvers note,	210 00—\$3,089 57

GEORGE OSBORNE, *Treasurer.*

South Danvers, March 1., 1863.

Permanent Fund of the Peabody Institute, viz.

Town of So. Danvers note March 12, 1858,	\$7,000 00
Town of So. Danvers note Apr. 28, 1858,	3,000 00
Town of Danvers note Feb. 25, 1857,	7,000 00
3 Shares Warren Bank, cost,	328 50
Real Estate, comprising land and the two dwelling houses, one on each side of the land belonging to the Institute Hall, cost,	12,000 00
	—————\$29,300 50

The Land and Hall of Peabody Institute, with its Library, works of Art and other objects of choice value, appraisal undefined.

Branch Library.

TO THE LYCEUM AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE OF THE PEABODY
INSTITUTE:

Gentlemen :—In accordance with the requisitions of the By-Laws of the Committee, the Librarian of the Branch Library submits the following statements on the conditions of the Library.

The whole number of volumes in the Library is 3437. Of this number 187 have been added during the past year, 36 of which were presented, as follows:

Fall River Public Library,.....	1
George Tapley, Danvers,.....	2
John D. Philbrick, Esq. of Boston,.....	6
Rev. J. W. Putnam of Danvers,.....	8
Mrs. J. P. Daniels of So. Danvers,.....	19

These are all desirable works; especially are the 19 well bound volumes of the "Illustrated London News," presented by Mrs. Daniels, esteemed a valuable addition to the Library.

No. of borrower's names added to the Ledger during the year,	134
Whole number of names now on the Ledger,	1,993
Number of Volumes bound and re-bound,	98
Number of Volumes delivered to borrowers,	12,573
Average no. per wk. during the time the Library has been open,	258
No. of volumes delivered since the Library was first opened,	76,844
No. lost from the Library during the same time,	10

During the autumn the third supplementary catalogue was prepared and published, making the reference to all the books in the Library complete.

The interest in the reading community has been well sustained, notwithstanding many, who, in former years, were in the habit of visiting the Library, have joined the army. Their places have, in a measure, been supplied by young persons arriving at the age requisite for taking books from the Library. Strangers also have moved into town and availed themselves of the privilege of the Library. So that the average number of books loaned per week has never been so large on any former year since the first. The Library then being new and a new thing in town, as would naturally be expected, attracted many to its open doors. But since that time there has been a somewhat regular increase of readers and of books delivered.

Many of the books show marks of constant wear; some of them of abuse, such as pencil marks and tearing out of leaves. Many of them have several times been re-bound; more need it. Some are so badly worn that they must soon be withdrawn from circulation. Perhaps there has been no greater injury to the books than should be reasonably expected, inasmuch as many of them were poorly bound in the first place.

If there were sufficient funds in the Treasury, it would be desirable to have a covering of some kind put upon the stairs, and thus diminish the amount of noise sometimes occasioned by those passing up and down with heavy boots. Without something of the kind it is difficult to avoid considerable noise.

Another evil would be remedied, if those gentlemen addicted to the use of tobacco, when visiting the Library, would enter and depart leaving no proof of the filthy habit behind them.

Respectfully submitted,

NATHANIEL HILLS, *Librarian.*

Danvers, Jan. 31, 1863.

FINANCE.

Expended for books during the year,	\$248 07
Other expenses,	277 48
Whole assets,	\$5,390 46
Whole debits,	5,386 68
In Treasury,	3 78
Will be due from interest Feb. 25,	210 00

NATHANIEL HILLS, *Treasurer.*

BRANCH LIBRARY.

Library and Lyceum Committee in acct. with G. A. Osborne, Tr.
1862. Dr.

Feb. 28,	To paid Ticknor & Field's bill,	\$106 87	
28,	Chandler & Co.'s bill,	7 67	
28,	Gas bill,	3 70	
Mar. 7,	N. Hills' bill,	69 13	
24,	Gas bill,	3 40	
24,	Gas bill,	3 30	
24,	Elliot & White's bill,	7 00	
June 24,	N. Hills' bill,	44 10	
24,	S. P. Fowler's bill,	7 00	
July 11,	Gas bill,	6 40	
11,	Insurance premium,	15 00	
Oct. 4,	Ticknor & Field's bill,	16 72	
21,	James Campbell's bill,	61 17	
21,	Gas bill,	5 40	
21,	S. P. Fowler's bill,	12 00	
21,	D. C. Colesmothey's bill,	5 33	
Nov. 13,	James Campbell's bill,	22 30	
13,	Elliot & White's bill,	3 50	
Dec. 1.	N. Hills's bill,	131 49	
	Balance,	5 32	
			\$536 80

1862.			Cr.
Feb. 1,	By balance,	\$116 80	
28,	By draft on Trustees,	210 00	
Oct. 21,	By draft on Trustees,	210 00	
			\$536 80
1863.			
Feb.	By Balance,		5 32

G. A. OSBORNE, *Treasurer.*

